

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Dear Sirs

Re. Planning Apps: P/140/16/OUT

P/134/16/OUT & P/6/17/OUT

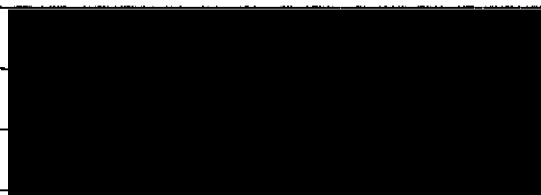
We object to the above planning applications for the following reasons:

- 1/ loss of grade 1 agricultural land which causes food supply loss
- 2/ loss of wildlife - once gone not return
- 3/ Sewage problems - already pumped into sea
- 4/ Pollution from extra traffic
- 5/ Over worked hospitals & GP surgeries already full to bursting.

- 6/ All these extra people will
cause problems with regard to jobs.
7/ More congestion on roads which
have problems already.

We moved here for a better life, now
find Aran D. Council are trying to
ruin this beautiful area like outer
harden has been ruined.

Yours faithfully



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27 March 2017

Dear Sir or Madam,

**ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL
PLANNING NUMBERS P/134/16/OUT/SEFTER ROAD;
P/140/16/OUT/PAGHAM ROAD; P/6/17/OUT/HOOK LANE**

I am horrified to hear about plans for large numbers of dwellings on agricultural and greenfield land in Pagham and Aldwick, and wish to object to the proposals in all 3 planning applications. Whilst I understand our Government wants at least a million new homes built, we in turn do NOT want prime agricultural land to be used for this purpose, *under any circumstances*. We very much enjoy living in Aldwick and Pagham, with only a few lovely open green spaces left, and don't want them to be concreted over and lost forever. The number of homes proposed is unsustainable.

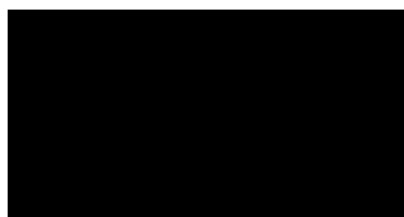
- You will see on the www.PAGAM.uk website that due to the high water table, the extent of flooding in the area over the last few years, and as recently as Jan/Feb 2017. This would be exacerbated if these building sites were given the go-ahead. I also understand there have been serious breaches of untreated sewage finding its way into Pagham lagoon. Any development places a strain on local services and it's likely, without massive investment, there's a danger that the run-off from extra housing, as well as higher volumes of effluent (treated or untreated through accidental spills etc), will impact on the water quality in the European Marine Site.
- Damage to the natural environment. There is concern for a wide variety of wildfowl which breed, feed and roost in Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve. Again, it has been recorded that the waterfowl also use farmland, now designated for development, for feeding and roosting. Waterfowl are dependent on non-intertidal habitats as can be seen on the above website.

- **Traffic Issues:** The local winding country roads are already inadequate, causing congestion at peak times with thousands of cars, huge articulated trucks, regular buses, and increased vehicle movements during the summer season to Church Farm, Pagham beach/amusements, and the Nature Reserve. At certain times of the year it isn't unusual for Pagham Road to be impassable due to flooding causing massive traffic jams. Not forgetting that most of this traffic will be heading for the A27, often gridlocked, with recent proposals for improvements being shelved yet again. If these developments are allowed to go ahead, we're talking of up to 3 vehicles per household, may be more, using our roads, causing even more pollution, road damage, and unacceptable congestion.
- **Doctors:** Already at breaking point with surgeries understaffed. **Dentists:** Very few NHS places available. **Hospitals:** People having to wait months for a consultation, sometimes years for an operation. **Schools:** Already bursting at the seams.
- **Loss of Grade 2 agricultural land.** As we will soon be leaving the EU, it could be that huge new markets may be opening up for food products grown on our farms. As I've said before, it would be foolhardy to allow our fields to be concreted over and lost forever.

We just cannot allow further destruction of this area of Bognor, and continue to be a dumping ground for people who don't feel as passionately as we all do about living in this lovely part of Sussex. Over the last 40 to 50 years, Bognor and Littlehampton have swallowed the lion's share of development, which has been devastating for wide ranging services, with future developments mooted for other areas of Bognor, and within 6 miles of Bognor. There are many brown-field sites within Arun District Council's area of responsibility, as well as farmland away from rich wildlife habitats, far more suitable for development, than land adjacent to the internationally designated Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve.

Having read this, I hope Arun District Council you will be seen to be listening to the real concerns of Pagham and Aldwick residents, and act accordingly.

Yours faithfully



Mr & Mrs J. Bennett

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25th March 2017.

Re: Application No's: P/134/16/Out (Sefter Road)
P/140/16/Out (Pagham Road)
P/6/17/Out (Hook Lane)

Dear Sir or Madam,

Having looked at the submitted applications above I wish to register my objections to each one of them.

I am horrified by the proposed number of houses being applied for in this, already, crowded area. A flood risk exists at present and this would be increased by further building.

The sewerage system is already having difficulties managing and, as we have read in the Press, raw sewage has been pumped into Pagham lagoon at times. Further housing would significantly increase the amount of sewage produced leading to an unsustainable load on the current system which could lead to further raw sewage being discharged.

The current roads are busy enough now and in a state of disrepair with numerous potholes. There is an increasing number of visitors to the area as well as increased movements of traffic from the Barfoots site. A further influx of housing would lead to an unsustainable increased traffic load on these roads. They would fall into further disrepair without significant alterations/improvements to surface and drainage.

There would be a loss of agricultural land from building. The population is increasing meaning that more food needs to be produced. If agricultural land decreases where does the food come from? More imports? Not good for our economy!

Local services in GPs, Dentists, Schools, Hospitals are already under huge pressure. The proposed housing would lead to a massive increase in demand which would lead to the services being unsustainable in their current form. Without a significant increase in provision these services would worsen.

Further housing would lead to increased traffic noise due to the increased number of vehicles. The building sites would lead to increased noise and dust as well as increased traffic. Would there be an increase in local employment from building these houses? I would like to think so but am sceptical.

For the reasons given above I object, strongly, to the three applications.

Yours Faithfully,

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Dr Peter C. Spencer

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26th March 2017.

Objection to Applications: P/134/16/Out (Sefter Road)
P/140/16/Out (Pagham Road)
P/6/17/Out (Hook Lane)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object most strongly to the three applications listed above.

We live in a rural area which is already crowded, more houses would lead to more cars which in turn would lead to an unsustainable demand on local roads/drainage which are already struggling to manage.

More people means more sewage produced. The current system is already struggling. We don't want more raw sewage discharged in to Pagham lagoon (as mentioned in the Press recently)

Loss of green belt agricultural land is inexcusable. Where will the crops/plants be grown on these be produced if these fields are lost? What happens to the local wildlife displaced by the loss of their natural habitat?

Loss of the fields will compromise natural drainage and lead to increased flood risk.

What about local services such as doctors, dentists, schools? A larger number of people will produce an unsustainable demand with subsequent reduction in service provision.

Please register my strong objection to all three applications.

Yours faithfully,

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Ms Jane Cousins.